

DECAPITATED BY A CAR

A Young Girl Instantly Killed by a Trolley Railroad.

No Lights Burning Where the Accident Occurred—Traveling at a High Rate of Speed—Motorman Runs Away in Terror to Escape the Vengeance of an Angry Crowd.

NEW YORK, March 9.—While driving a trolley car in the Hudson Heights line at a high rate of speed near Niles Avenue, West New York, N. J., at 9 o'clock last night, Benjamin Hill, a motorman, ran down and killed Bertha Engold, twenty-two years old, within 200 feet of her mother's home, at Lincoln Place and Twenty-third Street. The victim's head was severed from her body. Terrified at the sight of the accident, Hill jumped from his car, and, although pursued by a threatening crowd, succeeded in escaping arrest.

Bertha Engold was identified by a bank book of the New York Bank of Savings that was found in the pocket of her dress. Her clothing was dark, but of good material. She wore on her left hand a gold band wedding ring and a solitary diamond ring. She was well proportioned and possessed a mass of rich brown hair.

Along a level platform for two miles the trolley cars run on the new Hudson Heights road. The line goes through private property belonging to the railroad company at the point where the woman was run down. There are rocks on each side, and there are no street crossings or lights for a quarter of a mile. Pedestrians frequently walk between the car tracks to save a long detour.

While hurrying through this road last night in order to make the short cut to her home Miss Engold was knocked down and instantly killed. The electric car was going at the highest possible rate of speed. It shot out of the darkness and felled the woman without warning. No one saw the tragedy. No one even heard her cry. Passengers in the car did not know what had happened until they saw the body of the victim on the tracks.

Benjamin Hill, the motorman, brought his car to an abrupt stop. Then with a cry of terror he jumped from the platform and darted away over the rocks. "Don't let him escape! The woman is dead!" cried the only cool man among the dozen passengers. Several men pursued the motorman. He was last seen on the brow of a hill, running south. He is believed to have taken the Forty-second Street ferry to this city.

Charles Lyndecr, the conductor, was arrested and held. He, like the passengers, did not know the accident occurred. He said Hill was twenty-eight years old, married, and lived in Hoboken. He has been in the railroad's employ about six months.

The body of the victim was taken to the West New York police station, and later to her home.

BETRAYED BY A PHOTOGRAPH.

Wholesale Horse and Wagon Thief Captured in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, March 9.—Betrayed by his photograph, which was displayed in a showcase in front of a photographer's establishment on South Second Street, Adam Eckstein, alias Frank Brown, a young man who lives on Edgemont Street, was arrested yesterday by Special Officer Ritchie.

Eckstein, who is charged with stealing several horses and wagons, evaded arrest for nearly two months. All of the detectives had been searching for him.

The prisoner confessed. He admitted that he had stolen three teams, but the police believe that he was responsible for a number of other similar robberies. It is alleged that on January 19 he stole a horse and wagon belonging to David E. Thomas.

The wagon was loaded with eggs, all of which he sold to the grocery store keepers in Camden. There were sixty-three dozen eggs in the wagon, which he disposed of for 7 cents a dozen. He afterward abandoned the horse and wagon on the street in Camden.

He is charged with having stolen a horse and wagon belonging to Garrett E. Brownback on January 20. This wagon was also loaded with butter and eggs, all of which he sold. Another team he is charged with stealing belonged to J. H. Price. It is reported that several wagons have been stolen during the past six months, and the police do not hesitate to blame the prisoner for a majority of the robberies.

Special Officer Ritchie secured a duplicate of one of Eckstein's photographs, yesterday while walking along North Eighth Street he noticed a young man who resembled the picture. "That must be him," remarked the officer to himself. And it was Eckstein. The young man went into a restaurant and ordered dinner. The officer also went into the place and took a seat at an opposite table.

He looked at the suspect and then he followed the photograph. He was now sure that the man whom he had followed into the restaurant was the one whom he was looking for. He walked over to him and said: "I want to see you when you get through."

When Eckstein had finished his dinner he was placed under arrest and was marched to Magistrate McCall's office. Broad and Bainbridge streets, where he was subsequently arraigned. Eckstein was held in \$1,200 bail on the charge of stealing Brownback's team and wagon.

He was able to furnish bail and was taken to city hall and locked up pending a final hearing. After being placed in a cell he confessed.

STABBED WITH A DIRK.

A Hagerstown Saloonkeeper Hurt by a Knife.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., March 9.—Joshua M. Davis, a saloonkeeper of Hagerstown, was critically ill, the result of being stabbed with a dirk in the left arm near the elbow Wednesday night in his saloon by William Shaffer, young son of Solomon Shaffer. An artery was severed. Both men were said to have been drinking and juggling with knives for fun. They got into a quarrel and Shaffer is alleged to have stabbed Davis. Shaffer stayed all night with Davis, who twice, during the night, tore the bandages from his arm, causing the wound to bleed afresh.

Shaffer this morning walked into police headquarters and told Chief of Police Alexander the stabbing was accidental. Davis refuses to talk with the officers. He said: "Dead men tell no tales." Davis' condition was critical last night, and his arm may have to be amputated to save his life.

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DEATH DUE TO PRIDE.

A Young Bride Commits Suicide Because of Her Poverty.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Ask anybody in "the Sunken Village" why Bessie Honeybein committed suicide and the answer will be, "She was too proud." The "Sunken Village" lies thirty feet below the street level, behind a high board fence which surrounds the block bounded by Broadway, Sixty-first and Sixty-second Streets. It consists of a dozen homes, one story high, with peaked roofs, patched with tin and with mildewed clapboard sides. But the villagers are proud.

Bessie Honeybein was eighteen years old last autumn when she married Henry Honeybein. Her mother is the widow of a policeman who was assaulted and killed, it is told, by the "Slaughterhouse Gang." Henry Honeybein was a clerk in a small store, but he had a high opinion of himself. He was a "prince" in the "Sunken Village." She set up a bit of lace curtain at the crookedly hung front door and tried to make the squalid place home-like. But Henry liked to go out nights, and Bessie went back to the tenement in West Sixtieth Street where her mother lived.

On New Year night the outlook seemed so dismal that Bessie fled yesterday, hand-cuffed. Most of her schoolgirl friends were married, lived in more pretentious places than the "Sunken Village," and the young wife seemed disgraced. She got some carbolic acid and tried to take it, but her husband prevented.

The rent of the apartment was only \$5 a month, but the Honeybeins felt behind in paying it. Then, a week ago Henry lost his place as a driver. Wednesday night Mrs. Honeybein was called out:

"Don't go and leave me alone, Henry."

But he shook his head and disappeared. Then Bessie put on her faded straw hat and went to her mother's.

After a little while she arose and said:

"Good-by, you may not see me again." The mother tried to cheer her up in vain. The girl went to a store and bought some flannel, went to the hotel she called home, dressing herself in her best clothes and scrawled on the bottom of an empty matchbox:

"Dear Henry: You can go out any time you like now. BECKY."

"Good-by forever."

Then she swallowed some carbolic acid and was dead when her husband came home at midnight.

CHARLES L. DAVIS' WILL.

Most of His Estate Bequeathed to a Former Actress.

PITTSBURGH, March 9.—Mrs. Margaret Schriver Simpson, at one time a member of the "Alvin Jolson" Company, will get most of the estate of the late Charles L. Davis, owner of the Alvin Theatre here.

Mrs. Davis was last seen on the street in the city on the morning of the 20th. It is dated April 5, 1896, and according to a statement attached to the paper, the estate at that time was worth \$150,000, of which one-third was in personal property.

Next he directs the payment of sums ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 to employees and other persons. These bequests aggregate \$5,600. The residue he directs shall be given to Miss Schriver after all his debts have been paid. She is now the wife of a business man living in Detroit. No mention was made by Davis of a wife. Mrs. Simpson will inherit about \$100,000. Maud L. Strain, Albany, N. Y., is to get \$500; Charles M. Johnson, of Pittsburgh, \$1,000; and Harry C. Stanley, \$1,000.

JERSEY'S AGED TWINS.

Said to Be the Oldest in the United States.

NEWARK, N. J., March 9.—The recent death of an aged twin in the West leaves Mrs. Margaret Griffith, of this city, and Mrs. Sarah Griffith, of Morristown, as the oldest living twins in the United States. They are eighty-one years of age. Their husbands who are both dead, were brothers.

A peculiar fact in the life of Margaret is that she married the same man twice. When twenty-four years of age she became the wife of Maitland H. Griffith, a prosperous young business man of Newark.

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FAIRBANKS FOUND GUILTY

Convicted of Attempting to Bribe a United States Juror.

The Man Charged With Having Tampered With the Ingham-Newton Trial—Sent to Jail by Judge McPherson—His Counsel Contends That the Verdict Was Not Just.

PHILADELPHIA, March 9.—After deliberating less than an hour yesterday morning, the jury in the case of Henry J. Fairbanks, charged with attempting to bribe members of the Ingham-Newton jury, returned a verdict of guilty as indicted. Although the conviction was expected, when the lame defence of Fairbanks was taken into consideration, yet Lawyer J. Joseph Murphy, attorney for the defence, claims that the verdict was unjust, and was obtained solely because Judge McPherson permitted District Attorney Beck to bring out the past career of Fairbanks in cross-examination, when nothing of the kind was referred to in direct examination.

It was shortly after 10 o'clock when Judge McPherson began his short charge to the jury. He told the jury that there was but little dispute in the case, and he also pointed out the fact that the evidence of Fairbanks was uncorroborated, and, therefore, not entitled to much weight. However, he left it for the jury to decide the value to attach to the prisoner's testimony. In conclusion, the judge said that there was a reasonable doubt in the case. Fairbanks was entitled to it, but if there was no doubt it was the high duty of the jury to convict the defendant of what is a dangerous and despicable crime.

The jury deliberated less than an hour. After the verdict had been rendered, District Attorney Beck asked that Fairbanks be taken into custody at once. To this Lawyer Murphy objected on the ground that the bail (\$5,000) was sufficient and that Fairbanks should be given an opportunity to make arrangements for his support of his wife. The judge, however, ruled differently, and Fairbanks was given into the hands of the marshal at once.

No sooner had the verdict been pronounced than Thomas O'Dea, who was under \$5,000 bail, charged with a similar offence, was surrendered by his bondsman, George Nease, and taken to the prison. O'Dea being placed behind the prison bars.

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This will involve the retrial of Fairbanks on the charge of conspiracy. The maximum punishment for conspiracy is two years, and that for the conspiracy against Fairbanks and O'Dea is one year. It is to be regretted that the punishment for either offence is too light. Few offences are graver than an attempt to corrupt a jury, and the maximum punishment under either statute would seem inadequate.

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